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Burmese Expeditionary Force For Indonesia

World Of The Moon Is Just Ahead

Hertford, Jan. 2.—A clergyman astronomer here has assured his audiences that they will live to know another world: the world of the moon.

"Give the Americans ten years or less and the first rocket to the moon will have returned, guided, of course, by radar," said the Reverend C. Wood, Hertford Congregational Minister, and a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

The first rocket will probably contain only instruments, but for the second rocket Wood believes there will be a call for volunteers to form a crew.

He told a recent audience that the discovery of atomic energy had removed the last obstacle in the way of rocket projection to the moon. He said that the surface of the moon is already better known than the surface of the earth, many parts of which are as yet unexplored. But he believed that within the next year enough photographs of the earth can be taken from rockets flying 100 miles or more up to "get a picture of the earth as it really is, a tiny ball whirling in space."

Astronomers know that there is some kind of vegetable life on Mars, Wood said, but he added, "On the question whether there is human life, your guess is as good as mine."—Reuter.

17 DIE IN BUS CRASH

Paris, Jan. 2.—Seventeen people were killed according to first reports when a bus, carrying a basketball team, struck a wall at a crossroads and fell into a mill-pond near La Guerehe de Bretagne in Brittany.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The Past & The Future

NINETEEN hundred and forty-eight is an interval of the past and the world embarks upon a new year—not without some trepidation, for the international situation contains much explosive material which will require careful handling if it is not to burst into a third universal war. Hongkong saw out the old year with but the normal regrets. While the twelve months could not compare with the fulfilment of the previous two years which saw the Colony leap back into prosperity, it was not without some progress, some achievement, however little. Externally Hongkong maintained its equanimity, although there was something of a business recession and money became a little tighter. Nevertheless the spontaneous celebrations during the weekend clearly revealed that the Colony was ending 1948 on a high note, and there was practically no manifestation of any feeling of depondency so far as 1949 was concerned. But if Hongkong, snug in her own commercial success had reason to feel content about 1948, there was little in world events during the year that justified the same feeling. The "cold war" between Capitalism and Democracy and Dictatorial Communism developed into a frightening reality; the Berlin dispute, the Palestine problem remained unsolved; the Indonesian situation took a turn for the worse in the last days of the year and in China the Nationalist cause had been lost. Communism, bold and offensive, as well as insidious continued to make some gains, although this had the effect of solidifying the Western Powers in the formation of common economic and defence policies. Thus 1948 opens with the creators of the Iron Curtain and the surviving democracies openly lined up against each other with small chance of any

promise, co-operation, and conciliation coming to rescue them from their dilemma. The international situation is in its sorriest condition since the end of World War II, and to Hongkong, one of its most disconcerting features is China, where all the indications point eventually to the formation of a Communist-dominated Government whose behaviour towards the Western Powers is at the moment one big mark of interrogation. This is the shadow which hangs over the Colony's domestic future, for we cannot escape the effects of the China situation, no matter in what direction it turns. Even so, preoccupations for the Hongkong Government. The more obvious are housing and the accommodation problem generally; successful resuscitation of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Force; creation of the Municipal Council, now so long delayed; and the raising of more revenue to meet additional expenditure. Thus it is almost certain that 1949 will see the introduction of new taxes, though they may take the indirect form. Continued trading prosperity will depend largely on world factors, especially events in China. But Government can help to make 1949 a more memorable year by giving us more readily to the thoughts and will of the citizenry, while the encouragement of some fall-blooded debates in Legislative Council on matters of vital public concern would not come amiss. In this respect the United Nations resolution, "There will be criticism and complaints, but they constitute no valid reason why there should not also be useful progress during the year just begun. The Colony is soundly on its feet and it only requires insensitive administration to keep it prosperous and to make it a little more contented.

Dissatisfied With Col

Shanghai, Jan. 2.—The labour world in Shanghai is threatening to erupt again as a result of the dissatisfaction with the latest cost of living index, of which workers' wages are based.

(The last index issued on December 30 was only 20 per cent higher than the mid-December figure, although the workers claimed that commodities and other necessities rose between 40 and 50 per cent.)

A meeting is expected to be called by the Shanghai Labour Union today or tomorrow to discuss measures to cope with the situation. Meanwhile, labour leaders have already demanded from the Bureau of Social Affairs of the city government an explanation of the method by which they arrived at the figure.

Shanghai's labour population is estimated around one million.—Reuter.

2 RAIDS ON JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, Jan. 2.—Aircraft from the south-west bombed the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem, according to an Israeli statement.

An official statement said that the aircraft was almost certainly Egyptian. Three sticks of bombs were dropped. At least five people were injured but damage was said to have been light.

This is the first air raid on Jewish non-battle areas since the Jews issued the warning that they would bomb Cairo and other Egyptian cities in retaliation for such raids.

SECOND ATTACK

Jerusalem, Jan. 2.—The second aircraft raid on Jewish Jerusalem occurred at 11 p.m. today and the all-clear was sounded 20 minutes later.—United Press.

TO FIGHT DUTCH SAYS BA MAW

Key Points In Java And Sumatra Taken

Rangoon, Jan. 3.—The former Premier, Ba Maw, said on Sunday that a Burmese expeditionary force will leave soon for Indonesia to take up arms against the Dutch.

Ba Maw, who spent three years in Japan during the war, said the brigade, made up of volunteers, would include battle-tried Burmese who fought against the Japanese and former members of the Indian National Army with front line experience.

He said 100 Burmese women would support the force as nurses and first aid workers.

There was no immediate comment from the Burmese Government concerning Ba Maw's announcement.

The Cabinet was called to meet today. However, to nominate a delegate to the Asian conference on the Indonesian situation called by India's Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, a government spokesman said Burma welcomes the idea of considering joint action against the Dutch.

"We Asians must combine to end aggressive imperialism," he said.

Associated Press.

NOT MUCH OPPOSITION

Batavia, Jan. 3.—Dutch forces nearly completed on Sunday occupation of all key areas of the Indonesian Republic in Sumatra. All major Republican points in Java already are in Dutch hands.

A Dutch informant said Netherlands troops are advancing toward Bankoek, 230 miles Southeast of Padang. Republicans are not putting up much opposition, the informant added. Denkoelen, on Sumatra's West coast, is the last important city held by the Republic. Republican units were forced from Fatanbaroe on the East coast of Sumatra, a Dutch communiqué said. The bulletin declared the Netherlands Army had lost 68 soldiers killed and 172 wounded since it launched its "police action" against the Republic on December 19.

Netherlands informants said the initial phase of the occupation of Java has ended. Dutch authorities however, have issued no formal cease fire proclamation in either Java or Sumatra.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Dutch authorities still refuse to let 43 United Nations military observers visit areas in the two islands taken from the Republic. A source close to the UN Good Offices Committee, said the Committee wrote the Dutch on Friday asking when military observers would be permitted to travel through former Republican territory in order to prepare a first-hand report for the Security Council.

The Dutch replied they still did not know when such permission could be granted, the informant said.

COMMISSION INACTIVE

The other United Nations sponsored group in Batavia—the six-nation consular commission—remained inactive over the week-end. Commission members reportedly are waiting for clarification from either the Good Offices Committee or the Security Council on exactly what they are expected to do.

Dutch political successes were achieved in two Netherlands sponsored East Indian states where the premiers had resigned at the start of hostilities.

In East Indonesia, Premier Anuk Agung Gde Agung has agreed to form a new Cabinet. Informed observers in Batavia expressed the opinion his earlier resignation apparently was based on the fear that his position might be affected adversely if Dutch military action was not completely successful.

In West Java state, a new Cabinet was being formed by a non-partisan Indonesian. It will replace the Government headed by a pro-Republican—Associated Press.

MILITARY ACTION ENDS

Batavia, Jan. 2.—The Commander-in-chief of the Dutch forces in Indonesia, General S. H. Spoor, in an order to the commanding officers in Java, announced that the Dutch military action ended on December 31, 1948. It was officially stated here today.

"The task of our troops after this date is therefore limited to action against wandering bands and individuals, who attempt to cause irregularities," he added.

It was learned today that a similar order to the commanding officers of Sumatra could be expected within a few days.—Reuter.

BRITISH FREIGHTER FIRED ON

Incident Near The Palestine Coast

Haifa, Jan. 2.—The master of the British freighter, Richard Borchard reported on arriving here on Sunday that he was fired on at sea on Saturday by two Egyptian warships. He said he scoured off a boarding party through a ruse.

In Tel-Aviv, an Israeli Army spokesman was asked if the action meant the Egyptian Navy is blockading Israel's shores. The spokesman said he was not prepared to say but conceded it was the first time a ship bound for Israel had been subjected to such treatment.

Israeli Naval sources surmised that the two vessels which stopped the 1,223-ton Richard Borchard were the same corvette and minesweeper which tried to bombard Tel-Aviv early on New Year's day. They said if the attempt to search the Richard Borchard does herald an Egyptian blockade the Israeli Navy will take action. They did not say what that meant.

CAPTAIN'S STORY

The Borchard's captain told reporters:

"I didn't reply to the Egyptians' signal at the beginning as they wouldn't identify themselves and didn't hoist any flag. I ignored them until they opened fire on my unarmed ship."

At Malta, the British Naval authorities said the Richard Borchard radioed she had been intercepted by "an unidentified vessel flying the Israeli flag." They said they assumed the flying of the Israeli flag was intended as a ruse.

A boarding party of six men then boarded the Richard Borchard, the captain said, while Egyptian warships circled around as guards.

"I strongly protested against this piracy as the warships following us definitely refused to show their national flag or identify themselves."

He said he frightened the boarding party off by threatening them that I had signalled British ships before they boarded. "The boarders left but not until they forced the captain to produce the ships papers and to fill in a questionnaire."—Associated Press.

Gales Sweep France & Switzerland

Paris, Jan. 2.—Whirling winds swept France and Switzerland in the past 24 hours.

Gale stories came from Brest—the French cargo ship Saint Mathieu, which left the port of Brest yesterday for Dakar today put back in Brest harbour with four of her crew injured by storm-tossed cargo.

Steppen—an S.O.S. was picked up from a Dutch ship, the Goshaven, in the Drie de La Somme, north of Le Treport.

Nice—the Promenade des Anglais was flooded and deck chairs carried out to sea when giant rollers broke over the famous ocean side walk.

Geneva—a woman was killed by the 150 chimneys blown down in the gale. The police closed as dangerous, the foot-bridges over the Rhone and Saone, and tramlines all over the city were blocked with blown sand and earth.

Rennes—a train travelling at 60 miles an hour struck a landslide, southwest of Rennes. Several people were injured. Heavy rain last night and this morning were believed to have caused the fall.

Geneva—a violent wind storm swept Switzerland last night and this morning, causing widespread damage to houses and dislocating railway and lake steamer communications. The wind was followed by rain and snow in some areas.—Reuter.

Chiang's Proposals For Peace Given Good Reception

Shanghai, Jan. 3.—Support and endorsement of President Chiang Kai-shek's New Year peace proposals today continued to pile up with the general interpretation that Generalissimo Chiang has put the Communists on a political spot while the Reds are still holding the upper hand militarily.

The actual fighting today can be described in a few words. The Reds are still massed north-east of Tientsin and all around Peiping. A few Red shells lobbed into the emergency airstrip in Tientsin's race course when four commercial planes landed, but died down when the planes immediately took off and returned to Tsingtao.

On the Peking front all was quiet, as far as it was learned. Censorship of press cables was imposed as of 10 p.m. on Sunday. No word came from the United Press correspondent, Michael Keon, there and it could not be learned immediately if the censorship was responsible.

NOT YET DIGESTED

While support of President Chiang Kai-shek came from all sides there was an inclination in some political quarters—especially American—that there will be no reply from Mao Tse-tung or other Red leaders until not only the Chinese Reds, but also Moscow had a chance to digest the full import of the Generalissimo's proposals.

Experts who have long studied both Soviet and Chinese Red propaganda saw in the Chinese Red rejection of Dr Sun Fo's "honourable peace" declaration, the wording and style of language as well as the general tone, usually seen in Soviet declarations.

NOT PERSONAL APPEAL

The British-owned North China Daily News in an editorial, raised a point in the Generalissimo's appeal which other comment had not noted. It said, "It was a Chinese first of all talking to others whom he assumed were just as Chinese as he. It was not in any sense a personal appeal. It was still a message from the head of a nation." The paper said further, "There was nothing about the message. It was not one of surrender."

The English language China Daily which is associated with Dr H. H. Kung, said in an editorial that "President Chiang Kai-shek listened to the popular clamour for peace with the same sympathetic ear as he had listened to the clamour for war against the Japanese in 1937. He has now yielded to the people's wishes, not that he is weak or unable to carry on, but that if it is the will of the people he would take any step and make the necessary sacrifices."—United Press.

SHANGHAI APPEAL

Shanghai, Jan. 3.—The City Council today issued an official appeal to Mao Tse-tung and other Communist leaders, and members of the Communist Party, suggesting an

immediate ceasefire order, staying on the present lines and "calmly await representatives of both sides to discuss peace."

The appeal said, "In the event there are disputes during the negotiations both parties can appeal to the public opinion of the Chinese people." It said the Communists announced the policy is the "liberation of the people" and the first step of that goal will be to relieve the suffering of the people who have gone through these years of war and ravages. It said, "The people have done no wrong to you. How are you going to treat the people?"

The City Council appeal to the Communists was written in the most polite language and addressed Mao and Red leaders as "mistakes" for the first time in many years. In another telegram to President Chiang Kai-shek and government leaders, the City Council voiced the warmest support of Chiang Kai-shek's appeal and said that as soon as the Communists agree both sides should immediately order a ceasefire. It said, "God blessed China when the President opened the door of peace. Please carry on the peace effort."—United Press.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The Dutch ship Goshaven (not listed in Lloyd's register), which this morning sent out an SOS in the Drie de La Somme, reported tonight that she has effected repairs and is continuing under her own power.—Reuter.

Accident May Cause Delay In Giant Liner's Sailing

Southampton, Jan. 2.—Surveyors who inspected the liner Queen Mary, brought to Cowes Roads near Southampton today, after lying aground on a sandbank off Cherbourg for 12 hours last night, were not confident that the vessel would be "passed fit" in time for midday sailing tomorrow.

After a preliminary inspection in Cowes Roads, the Cunard White Star Company announced tonight that the liner would be berthed in the Ocean Dock, Southampton, for a further inspection by divers early tomorrow.

The Queen Mary would resume her voyage to New York on the midday tide tomorrow if the inspection was satisfactory, the announcement added.

But a Cunard official said tonight: "The surveyors have got to be satisfied. They want a further examination."

One inspector told Reuter: "There is no damage visible from the outside but from our internal inspection we could not be sure whether there was anything under water."

Neither propellers nor rudder were examined while the liner was in Cowes Roads as divers are unable to operate there.

The fact that the ship on her last two round trips took a severe buffeting from the north Atlantic

1949, DECISIVE YEAR

Peace Dependent On Western Powers And Russia

By R. H. SHACKFORD

London, Jan. 2.—High Western officials today predicted that the New Year might determine whether the Western powers and Russia would "live and let live" in the world without another war.

Officials placed the greatest emphasis on the forthcoming North Atlantic security pact and the plan for peacetime American lend-lease of military supplies to Western Europe. When these two projects were consummated, these officials said, the world would face its greatest crisis.

One official said: "Then Russian reaction to the actions of the West will be the most important development. Russian reaction to completion of the Atlantic pact may determine whether the cold war is to taper off toward a working arrangement between East and West or move closer to a hot war."

Western diplomats, having ended 1948 with a sigh of relief, prepared for what may be an even more intensive war of diplomacy.

Nineteen forty-eight was the year of the Marshall Plan. It was conceived in 1947, but became reality last spring. In 1949, there may be many other notable diplomatic developments that already can be anticipated, including:

1. A proposal to the United States Congress to finance military supplies for the Western European countries.

WESTERN UNION

2. A decision by the United States Congress on whether to continue the Marshall Plan.

3. Further development of the Western Union within the Atlantic security pact, especially plans to develop military unification of those countries, under Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery.

4. Putting into effect Western plans for international control of the German Ruhr.

5. Creation of a Western German government and state.

6. Intensification of campaigns to bring the Scandinavian and Mediterranean countries into the Atlantic security pact.

7. Further tests of the French and Italian middle of the road governments against continued Communist pressure.

8. The United Nations Assembly in April will be primarily devoted to disposition of Italy's former African colonies.

9. Critical tests for the Truman Doctrine in Greece.

10. Probably sensational developments in the Tito-Stalin feud, which is now on governmental level.

11. Developments in China which may virtually wipe out what little Western prestige survives in that unhappy region of turmoil.

12. Decisive events in Palestine, which appear certain to establish without question the state of Israel.

All of these, of course, topped by the possibility of another Big Four attempt later in the year to settle the cold war and get on with peace-making.—United Press.

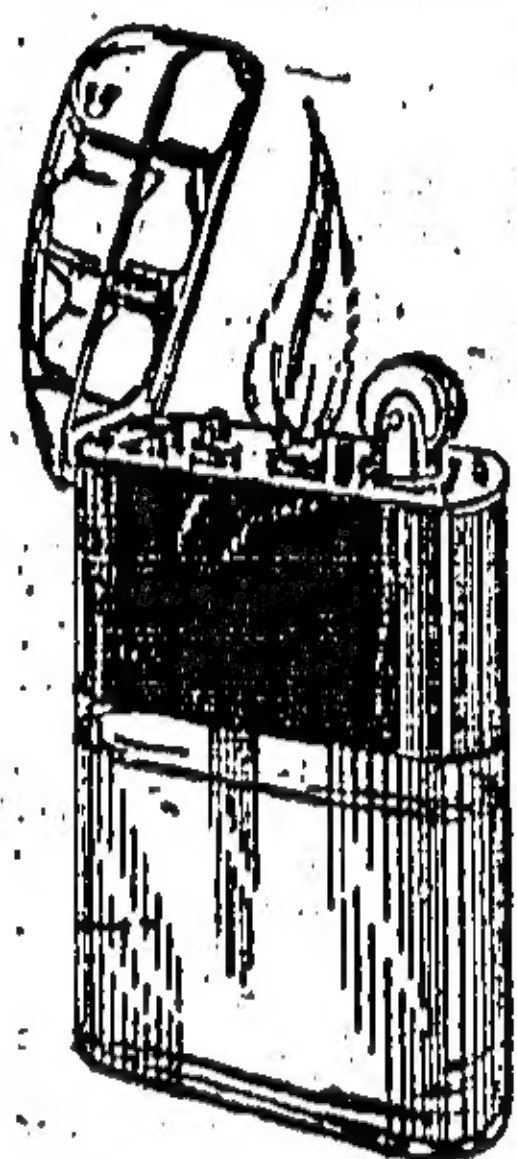
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WOMANSENSE

The £100,000 a year wife

By Bernard Harris

SHOULD 46-year-old Mr. Thomas Lilley, whose appointment as chairman of the Empire's leading paint group, want help or advice in his new job, he does not have far to go.

For his wife, blonde, vivacious Mrs. Vera Lilley, is senior director of the company, Lewis Berger and Sons—and has by far the largest individual shareholding in it.

According to official records, there are 85 people in Britain today with income exceeding £100,000 a year. Mrs. Lilley is one of them—but like the other 84, her net annual income will be nil.

Because of Sir Stafford Cripps's special levy, she will pay out more in taxation than she receives in income.

'A Man's Job'

The Lilleys are an outstanding example of a happy domestic partnership being extended into the realm of "big business."

Tom Lilley joined the Berger board soon after he had married the company's vice-chairman in August 1940.

Thereupon Mrs. Lilley surrendered the vice-chairmanship to her husband, though she remained on the board.

"I thought it was more of a man's job," she said.

Now her husband moves up into the post made vacant by the death of Lord Greenwood.

"There could be no better choice," said Mrs. Lilley. "It was a unanimous decision of the board. My husband has a fine grasp of the business."

Russian-born Mrs. Lilley, beautifully dressed and wearing exquisite jewellery, does not give the impression of being a capable, hard-headed business woman. But that is what she is.

Talk Of The City

She showed those qualities to full advantage in 1941 when she was largely responsible for persuading Mr. William Jaffa Darby to leave Imperial Chemicals and join the Berger business.

Within four months her choice had become managing director of the group, a post he still holds.

The business was transformed. Each year saw new production re-

wards achieved, new profit records established.

The £1 shares of Lewis Berger became the talk of the City as, reflecting this new prosperity, they moved up with hardly a setback from 3½d. to nearly £10.

For Mrs. Lilley, that share boom meant that her holding of the company's Ordinary capital, which I believe is around 40 per cent of the total, became worth £2,000,000.

Her shareholding is now paying dividends at the rate of £70,000 annually—and it would be more but for the Government's call to industry to limit dividends.

"How did you come to pick Mr. Darby?" I asked.

"I think it was just woman's instinct," she said. "I knew he would get things done. And he did. People talk of him now as 'human dynamite.'"

But Bergers do not exhaust Mrs. Lilley's business interests.

She and her husband own 90 per cent of the O-Cedar Corporation of America, known internationally for its mops and polishers.

Her husband has become chairman of that company, too. He is also managing director of his own family business, Lilley and Shindler. Mrs. Lilley does not approve of directors who do not direct but content themselves with signing documents put in front of them.

'We Are A Team'

"I take an active interest in Bergers," she said. "I like to know what is going on."

"I attend all meetings of the board, sometimes visit our factories and talk with the staff. I am a working director."

What would happen in the event of Tom Lilley taking a decision as chairman of which Vera Lilley, as the largest shareholder, did not approve?

Mrs. Lilley smiled. "I cannot imagine that happening. We are a team."

"In any case I usually ask my husband's advice. He rarely needs to ask mine."

When the Lilleys are not working in London their main interest is in the racehorse stud they have established near Newbury.

They own a dozen mares, and are breeding horses mainly for export. But they hope that among their foals there may be a future Derby winner.

Mr. Lilley's horse radiography ran third in the 1948 Derby.

Speeding Up The Little Dawdler

By GARRY CLEVELAND
MYERS, Ph.D.

The gentlest mother can become a bit ruffled over the chronic dawdler. Of all the dawdlers I have ever read about or heard about, I think the one described in the following, is a typical example.

"I have a four-year-old boy, who dawdles to such an extent that he has no time for play at all. He gets up around 7 or 7.30 and it's always 8 or 8.30 before he gets his pajamas off and the first layer of underwear on. At the breakfast table he's asked just how he wants his eggs fixed, whether he wishes hot or cold cereal (meaning no cereal—things are forced on him morning after morning). If he does not finish within a certain time he is asked to get down and if he does it with poor grace, though told kindly, he is always put on a chair."

"Then to lace his shoes requires about 45 minutes. He has certain little chores to do—brush teeth and hair. This requires another half hour. We have offered help but he refuses, saying he can do it himself, and doesn't want any."

"Then he returns to the bathroom for another hour. If it is fit for him to go outside he does not get on rubbers or hat and sweater under 25 minutes. It is almost noon before he gets out and has only half an hour or so before it is lunch time."

Taking off his things and washing his hands requires the least time of any—about 15 minutes. Makes a good start at eating but soon slows down. Has been under the care of a medical specialist.

Motive To Speed Up

"He manages to be in bed for his nap at 2.30 and sleeps until 4.30, then through the same routine of bathroom and dressing for outdoors—and has about half or three-quarters of an hour to play before supper."

No reference is made to any other child of the family or to playmates. Apparently this lad lives within himself and when he must sit for punishment he can dream on. He knows his dawdling vexes his mother, which in turn gives him satisfaction. Obviously he needs to have good times, especially with other children, so he can have a motive to speed up in his routines.

I entreated the mother to abandon punishment for the dawdling and even not to say "hurry" to the lad; to cuddle him often and have lots of fun with him, even at helping him at some of his routines and to try to set the stage so he will want to get through with them quickly; and most of all, to attract some playmates, one at a time, to his home and to go with him to where children are.

Choose Beauty Aids Carefully



A fresh, clear complexion results, says Movie Star Yvonne De Carlo, if you have been careful in your choice of cosmetics.

By HELEN FOLLETT

It is the way of some misguided women to be most fastidious about the creams and powders they use, but not caring what soap they select. While almost all toilet soaps of the present moment are high grade, some are better than others for certain skins. If you are having trouble with your complexion, observe black points in the pores, or are afflicted with a rough surface, try a change of soap.

The cutaneous covering of the face is precisely the same as that of the body. But it is exposed to atmospheric dust, climatic changes, and harsh winds, therefore needs more tender care. To ally the drying effects of two daily soapy scrubbing, the skin must be anointed with a soothing cream. A good plan is to use a light emollient for the removal of makeup, have a grand old lathering and rinsing after which cream should be used again.

A certain amount of friction is necessary to keep toned the tiny fibres under the skin, to help tissues to remain firm so premature wrinkles will not appear to sadden one's heart and make the feminine portrait look older. Light tapping massage has a refreshing and stimulating effect upon the blood streams. With care and good blood, any woman should be able to preserve the pristine loveliness of her complexion until she reaches the autumn of life.

When washing the "face" a generously lathered wash cloth or clean hands may be your preference. Or, you may do a better job with a complexion brush. If you purchase a brush, get the best one you can find. Soft bristles that buckle when put in water make a brush practically useless.

Soap it well. Use it first on your neck, doing circles, working upward. Do circles along the jaw line from chin up to ears. When treating the cheeks, be careful not to force the flesh up around the eyes, a practice that may cause thin lines to appear.

Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN



WHEN CAN A CHILD START TO LEARN COOKING?

THE young mother of a five-year-old girl recently asked me, "When shall I begin to teach Marylou to cook?"

"Right now," I answered, "while she's young enough to look upon it as fun. Let her actually do part of it—not merely 'help' you. Keep her steadily at it, and by the time she's twelve years old Marylou will be well on the road to the cooking of entire meals with ease and enjoyment."

"I had thought of getting her a set of small aluminium cooking utensils and her father suggested a little electric range," the young mother continued. "Are they practical?"

Cooking Sets

"The aluminium cooking sets are a fine idea," I said, "for children up to eight years of age, because their hands are so small it's difficult for them to handle full size utensils. The half-size toy utensils can be used for cooking many foods. I would suggest a small set of measuring spoons and cups, too."

Then cut into mince with a small round cutter. If desired some of the mince may be decorated with two bits of green citron and a red candy. Attractive as "eye pieces" in the top of a candy box.

Minis: Make quick fondant, flavoured with ¼ tsp. essence of peppermint. Roll to ¼" thickness on a board or pastry cloth dusted with a little confectioner's sugar. Then cut into mince with a small round cutter. If desired some of the mince may be decorated with two bits of green citron and a red candy. Attractive as "eye pieces" in the top of a candy box.

Uncooked Fudge Cut a (7 oz.) bar of sweet chocolate into small pieces and put in a double-boiler pot. Add 1 tsp. butter or margarine and melt over hot water. Then stir in 1 c. sifted confectioner's sugar, 2 egg yolks and 1 tsp. vanilla. Next beat the egg whites stiff and add to the first mixture. Stir in 1 c. chopped walnut or pecan meats, chopped blanched almonds, Brazil nuts or almonds, either plain or toasted. Press into an 8" pan; first rubbed with butter or margarine. Let stand a few hours at room temperature, or until it feels almost stiff when touched with the finger. Then cut in 1" squares. If not to be eaten for several days, wrap each candy in waxed paper.

Stuffed Dates If the packages of dates is not marked pasteurized, they should be scalded with boiling water, then drained, and placed on a paper towel to become damp-dry. Remove the pits, fill the centres with orange or lemon-flavoured quick fondant. English or black walnuts, whole blanched almonds, or whole pecans, all make delicious stuffing.

Quick Fondant Beat 2 egg whites slightly then gradually beat in 2½ cups sifted confectioner's sugar and 1

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S BED

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD—The bed of Queen Elizabeth and Louis Pasteur is headed for the Warner woodpile.

Once lushly tufted, draped and canopied, the bed now is a dreary gray with droopy geraniums painted on the head and footboards. It looks as though its current "June Bride" will be the last of its dozen pictures, and that's all right with Bette Davis.

"I've slept in that bed long enough," she said when it appeared on the "June Bride" set. "I'd know it anywhere."

Miss Davis cuddled upon its mattress for a scene in "Deception." She slept on it in "Elizabeth and Essex." And she sat on the edge for a few seconds in "Now Voyager."

Those Who Slept

It has undergone many remodeling jobs but there are such things time doesn't change. Miss Davis recalled a deep scratch on the lower frame. She also found her initials carved in the back of the headboard.

"Practically everybody on the lot has slept in this bed," she said, "and some of us, like me, several times."

It was used by Louis Pasteur (Paul Muni), Dr. Ehrlich (Edward G. Robinson), and Parris Mitchell (Robert Cummings). Errol Flynn rested on it in "Escape Me Never" and Ann Sheridan climbed under the covers for "Nora Prentiss."

Now the bed is being used for only a brief scene as part of the furnishings of a plain Indiana home. Miss Davis doesn't even sleep in it, but just loafs for a while.

"It gets older and more rickety every time I see it," she said. "I think I'll have to be put out to pasture after this picture, and I certainly won't miss it."

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1949's Beautiful Coat



By PRUNELLA WOOD

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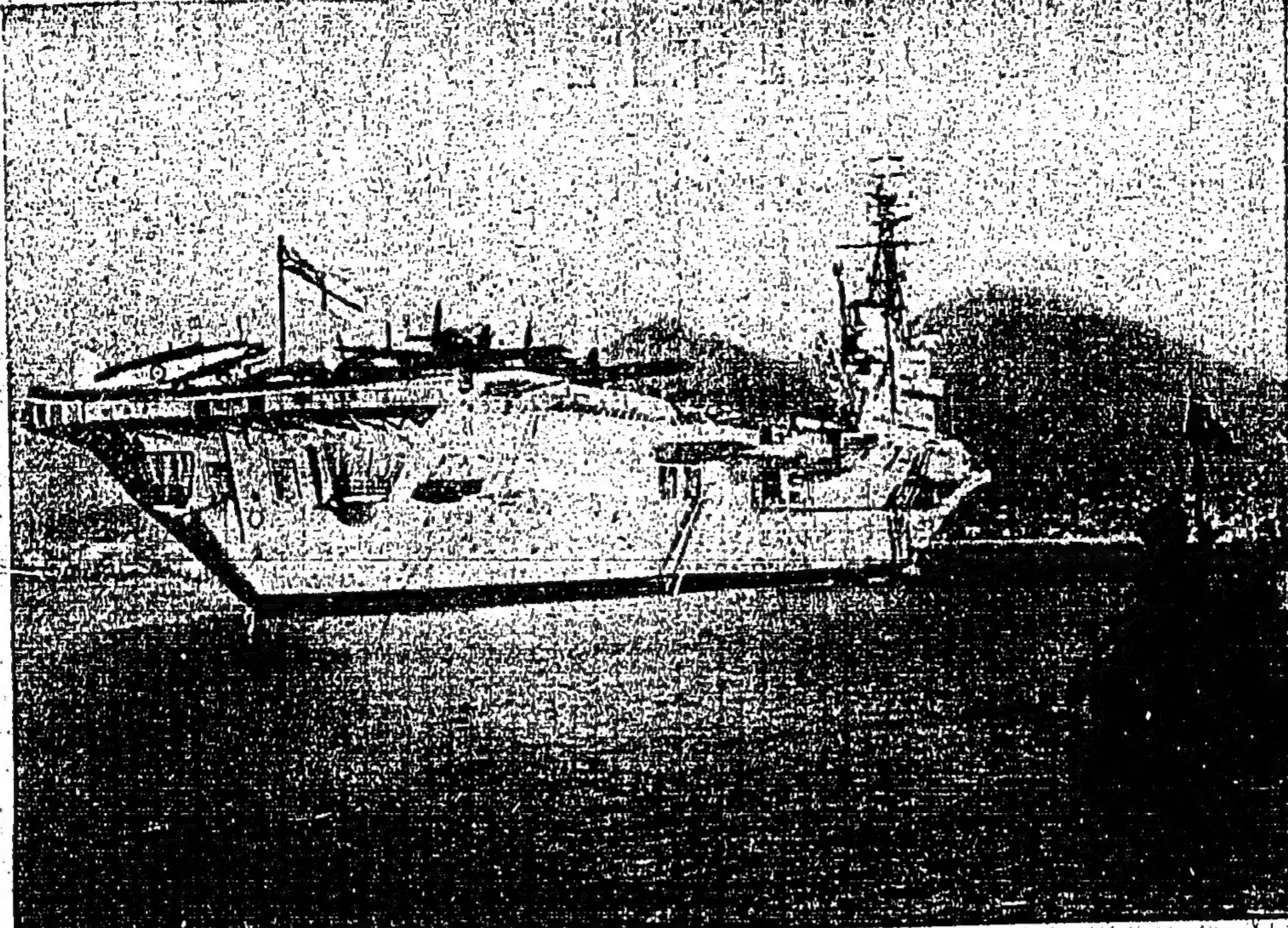
Quick Fondant

Beat 2 egg whites slightly then gradually beat in 2½ cups sifted confectioner's sugar and 1

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



HEADS UP, FEET DOWN—Prized cat, Plaster, demonstrates before a multiflash camera the sense of balance for which cats are famous. Appearing in the New England Cat Club Show in Boston, it first turned its head, then its body, and always landed right side up.



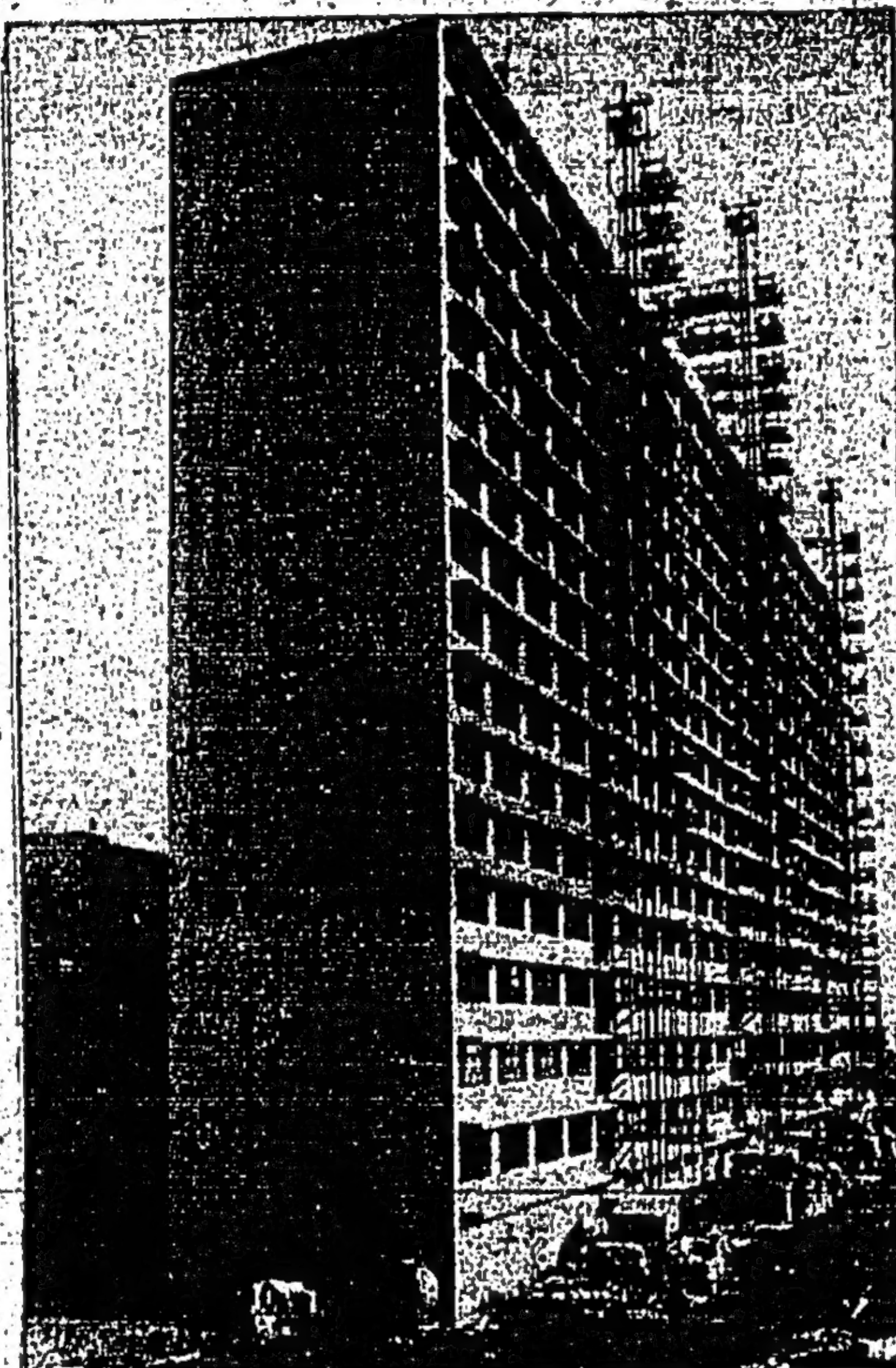
IN MEDITERRANEAN WATERS—Anchored off the shore of Naples, the aircraft carrier, HMS Ocean, presents an impressive picture as it lies in the still waters of the Mediterranean, with carrier-based planes on her deck. The world-famous Mt Vesuvius furnishes an impressive background for the British ship, at present a part of the patrol stationed in Neapolitan waters.



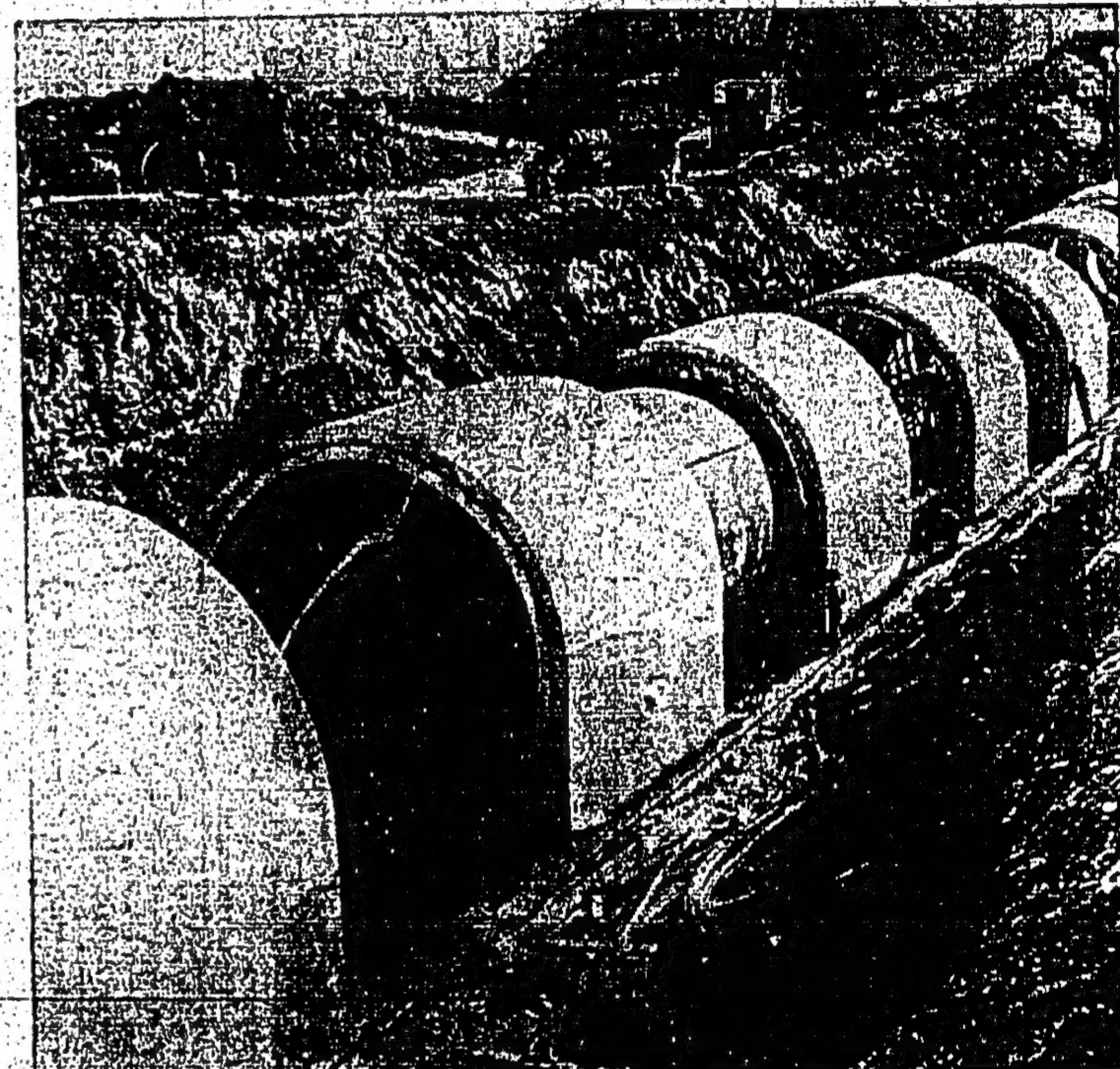
OLYMPIC BEAUTY—Olympic figure skating champion, Canada's Barbara Ann Scott, combs her hair in a New York dressing room before a practice session. Winner at the winter games in Switzerland, she is now a professional skater.



BLOCKED MAIN LINE—A London-bound produce train lies on its side in a battered condition after hurtling over a 40-foot embankment. One passenger was knocked out by the accident, but the crew and other travellers were uninjured. The accident blocked the main lines to London.



VETERANS' HOSPITAL—This \$15,000,000 veterans' hospital in Brooklyn, New York, is called the most modern skyscraper hospital in the world. The 17-storey structure will house 1,000 bed patients and handle 3,000 persons daily. External lengthwise planks permit maximum concentration of the sun's rays to reach patients.



HUGE SIPHON—Huge sections of a proposed 1010-foot siphon stand at the Delta-Mendota Canal site in Tracy, California. The siphon, being built under direction of the Bureau of Reclamation, is 24 feet, 8 inches in diameter and will carry the canal under the highway at the rate of 4,600 cubic feet a second. The siphon is built in this sectional manner to allow concrete to set and cure before intermediate sections are built.

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TOYS FOR THE WORLD'S CHILDREN—Al Tisch, originator of the idea of toys for tots around the world, helps to pack some of the toys collected for his campaign at Lakewood, New Jersey. The toys were shipped to war-torn countries the world over. Some were parachuted into Berlin to brighten weary hearts at Christmastide.

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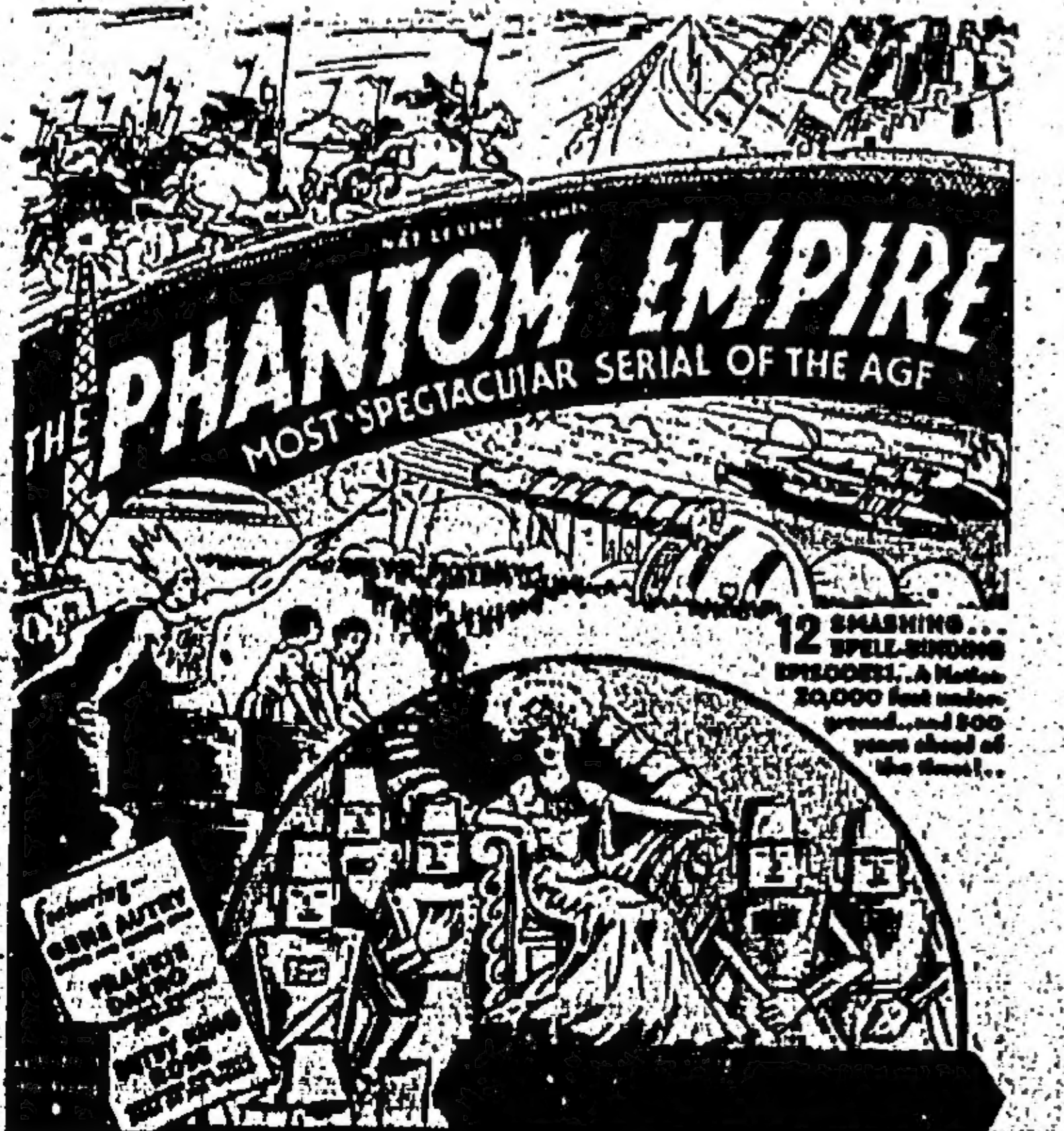
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KAY SUMMERSBY

The attractive Irish girl who was General Eisenhower's private secretary and confidante throughout the war in Europe



A TRIP ticket and a two-block ride changed my entire life. The place was wartime London; the time, May of 1942. And I saw nothing special or miraculous about the ticket. It merely noted that I, as a civilian Army driver, was to pick up a passenger at Paddington Station. He was listed as a "Major General Eisenhower."

I had never heard of the general. And, quite frankly, I was doubly disappointed in the assignment. Half of the disappointment was natural. Five of us drivers had waited around American Army headquarters three days, to pick up a packet of Very Important Persons due in from the United States via Scotland. The first two mornings we staggered down to the motor pool at 5.30 a.m. And we stayed there until dark both times, only to be finally advised that the weather still held all London-bound planes at Preswick Airport.

This morning, it looked as though the Brass had abandoned their original plan. They were coming down to London by train. Just when, no one knew. We had been galled in the motor pool since 5.30, waiting in mood as "May" as the early-morning fog outside.

The other half of my disappointment came from snobbery. An Army driver's prestige is based solely on the rank of the uniform in the back seat. So I had hoped to get General George Marshall or General "Hap" Arnold. Both were in this group, we knew. Both were known to all of us by name and reputation; either would be a bright feather in a driver's cap.

The Girls

BUT Sheila and Betty had them. Sheila was one of those nonchalant, likable girls to whom everything seemed to come easily, without thought or effort. Betty was a proud redhead who used plenty of thought and effort to make absolutely certain everything came her way. And, intuiting that I had nobody, Betty lost no time in whispering she was picking up a three-star general. She said it in such a way I could almost feel wrinkles in my face, braces on my teeth.

I turned apprehensively to Sheila. "Surely, you've heard of General Eisenhower?" As an American (married to an English officer from Sandhurst) she was my only hope. "Eisenhower?" Sheila thought a moment. "Eisenhower? Never heard of him."

"Here, they come!" The shout pulled us all out of our cars. We saw the tall figure of Ambassador Winant and, beside him, Major General Chaney, the only Yank general in London. (Colonels were real "rank" in those sparse days.) Someone identified General Marshall; we all recognised him from newspaper photos. We also recognised that his quiet companion would lead a bizarre submarine mission to the enemy soil of North Africa. To me they were only temporary passengers, in London for a ten-day visit.

As the days flew by, I began to like both my generals. Their working hours were staggering after the gay and easy life of other Americans I hailed around London. They had come over to work and they had little time. From the nature of high offices we visited I sensed that something very top-level was going on.

Yet both took time to treat me as a human being, not as a uniformed machine. I liked that. It was a complete turnaround from the chill dignity of British staff officers, not as being as the dirty wisecracks, wandering bands, and childish chatter of many American and Canadian officers.

I followed the others back to headquarters, hardly impressed by the name of Eisenhower. At our motor pool office the briefing was as bad as earlier. In fact, it was worse: we had orders to wait around for further instructions. That was at nine o'clock. By 1 p.m., I was starved. No one else would risk it, so I went out alone to have tea and a sandwich.

Coming back to Grosvenor Square, I noticed with alarm that things were happening. The other cars were pulling out. Mine was the last in line; the one just ahead already was half way down the street. Two officers were walking towards my khaki-coloured Packard. They were nondescript, although one was taller than the other. Both wore two stars on each shoulder. The smaller general, I noticed, had nice broad shoulders.

I rushed up, completely confused. Finally I looked from one to the other and puffed: "I'm General Eisenhower's driver. Are you looking for me?"



Kay Summersby, skittled five-star aide, worked and ate and rode and laughed and drank and played and suffered throughout the war with the supreme commander of a multi-nation army.

The shorter general nodded, his full face breaking into a grin destined to spread across half the world's newspapers. "I'm General Eisenhower. This is General Clark. We would like to go to Claridge's, please." I drove them there without incident. As they got out, General Eisenhower remarked: "Thank you. Tomorrow at nine, please."

I had driven them exactly two blocks, after waiting three days for that trip. Then, I had no feeling one way or the other about General Eisenhower or General Clark. If there was any reaction, it wasn't exactly cordial. After all, I had crawled out of bed at 5.30 three mornings in a row to drive these Yanks exactly two city blocks.

But in that May of 1942 there was no hint that the smiling general would become our Supreme Commander, that his quiet companion would lead a bizarre submarine mission to the enemy soil of North Africa. To me they were only temporary passengers, in London for a ten-day visit.

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When we journeyed over to Dover Castle, headquarters of "Bomb Alley," both generals talked easily throughout the long, pleasant trip. There was no stiff reserve between them or with me. We were three people, not two generals and a driver.

Because of General Clark's natural reticence, General Eisenhower did most of the talking. And he had an unassuming curiosity that I can only describe as charming. If he didn't know something, he asked questions. There was no pretence at the God-like knowledge many generals seem to believe their rank demands. He asked questions about everything from Canterbury Cathedral to bomb damage; he asked them as a friendly, curious man—not as a general patronising his driver. Later, I was to see that blessed gift directed at chiefs of state and chiefs of staff with phenomenal but natural success. It is one of General Eisenhower's greatest assets.

Scarce Hours

THE next few days were long and very official. We hit every important war building in London, plus a few elsewhere in the British Isles. Both my passengers grew weary and taciturn. Instead of bounding in and out of the car, as before, they climbed out slowly and returned to that rear seat with heavy sighs. Time seemed to evaporate; there was a distinct air that hours were much too scarce. There was no relaxation in their crowded schedule.

One noon they collapsed on the seat and General Eisenhower said: "Kay, I think the war can get along without us for a while. Let's take the afternoon off. And as a starter, where's a good place to have lunch?"

I blushed like a ten-year-old schoolgirl. It was the first time he had bowed to the universal custom of calling me "Kay."

I suggested the Connaught. When we got there I let them out at the door, then drove around the block to park. Finishing that chore, I looked up to find both of them standing there. "You'll join us, of course?" asked General Clark. I nodded dumbly as we strolled past the astonished doorman. (I say astonished, because most London attendants are old British soldiers; they'll never quite recover from the easy discipline of American military men.)

Lunch over, we went on a little trip up-country, around Oxford. General Eisenhower displayed an amazing grasp of English history, as he did consistently throughout his visit.

In The Pub

IT was a warm afternoon. I was dying for a drink. On impulse, I pulled up in Beaconsfield and said: "You must see an English pub before you leave!"

They were out of the car and beside before I realised just how bold I had been to take two major generals. At the bar, they couldn't make up their minds what to have. "You tell us, Kay," General Clark said.

I considered. "You wouldn't like whiskey without ice, I know. It's too hot—gin and tonic, that's the thing! A real-summer drink and a real English drink. They seemed to enjoy it almost as much as I did. I gave Sheila a ring as soon as I got home. She didn't believe a word of my story about the lunch, let alone the drinks. Still, I knew she would pass it along to the other girls."

The day our VIP's were scheduled to leave for Preswick and the United States, British weather closed in again. Their trip was postponed until the following morning. By now I was braced, almost drunk on the friendliness of these two American generals. So I called up General Eisenhower. But when he answered,

ed, I apologised in a rush of embarrassment; haltingly, I suggested that he and General Clark might like to do some sightseeing now that they had an afternoon of leisure because of the cancelled departure.

To my relief he was intrigued by the idea, and overlooked my bluntness. "Just the thing," he said. "Wonderful idea. This is the first day we haven't had any conference and we're completely free. In half an hour, please."

Our tour ranged from the Tower of London to Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. My passengers showed such interest in bomb damage at the House of Commons that I took them on down to the East End and a section I knew as well as my own mind—Lambeth. "Kay," General Eisenhower remarked as we cruised around the skeletoned and blasted townships of Lambeth, "you seem to know a lot about this section."

"I should," I replied solemnly.

London Calls

WITH little encouragement, I found myself telling the story of my life to these two Yank generals.

Nothing in childhood had prepared me for wartime London. My father was a retired Army officer and I, as Kathleen McCarthy-

Moragh, led what is commonly known as "the sheltered life." Our home, Irish Beg, was a somewhat run-down estate on a small but lovely emerald island in a river in County Cork.

But London drew me away from Ireland. There was some travelling on the Continent with Mother, who stayed in London most of the time and rarely went back to Irish Beg. Eventually I was on my own, utterly unprepared to do much more than sit a horse properly and pour tea correctly. Someone suggested photography; I drifted into that. There was a period of "extra" work at the film studios just outside London. Inevitably, there was marriage—a dismal failure.

By 1939 I was a mannequin at "Worth's of Paris," near Grosvenor Square. As war clouds grew blacker, I felt more and more ridiculous modelling exquisite clothes, pretending that everything was the same. In late August I gave notice of my intention to leave. And on September 4—the day after hearing Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain broadcast the declaration of war—I walked out of that life forever.

The nearest service was the Motor Transport Corps. I joined up immediately.

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PROFESSOR KNOWS
ALL THE ANSWERS

By GEORGE CAMPEY

PROFESSOR Zvavich, one of Moscow's top broadcasters, is also one of its most entertaining. Within a week he has "put paid" to the British Commonwealth.

The professor, perching the Iron Curtain that surrounded the recent Commonwealth Prime Ministers' meetings, reveals that the Empire is "disintegrating."

The idea of the Labour leaders in trying to draw the Dominions into an anti-Communist pact, he said, is to "transfer to them some of the heavy military expense of crushing Colonial liberation movements."

Professor Zvavich has this to say on Professor Joad: "He is a man who educates the public taste and urges the working man to develop at long last an appreciation of Stilton as against the ordinary kind of cheese—of which, in any case, the working man doesn't get enough."

From Hungary's puppet radio, too, came sounds of nails being knocked into the Empire's coffin. Main theme here was that America is threatening the idea of "British imperialism" in Canada and Australia. You may not know it, but "the plight of the Empire has caused uneasiness of bewilderment in Britain."

In this respect the Tory Party have "two souls." Lord Beaverbrook and his followers are trying

to strengthen the unity of the Empire. In face of U.S. pressure, while Mr. Churchill is "prepared to start a third world war for the sake of maintaining Anglo-U.S. privileges all over the world," says Hungary.

In only one "direction" were Moscow's broadcasts inspired about Britain's home front—the "unmanly, disorderly and arrogant behaviour" of American soldiers stationed here.

They drive to the public danger, gate-crash private parties and sell U.S. stores on the black market.

You didn't know? Tass, the official news agency, explained why: "All papers and magazines have been ordered to say nothing of such goings on."

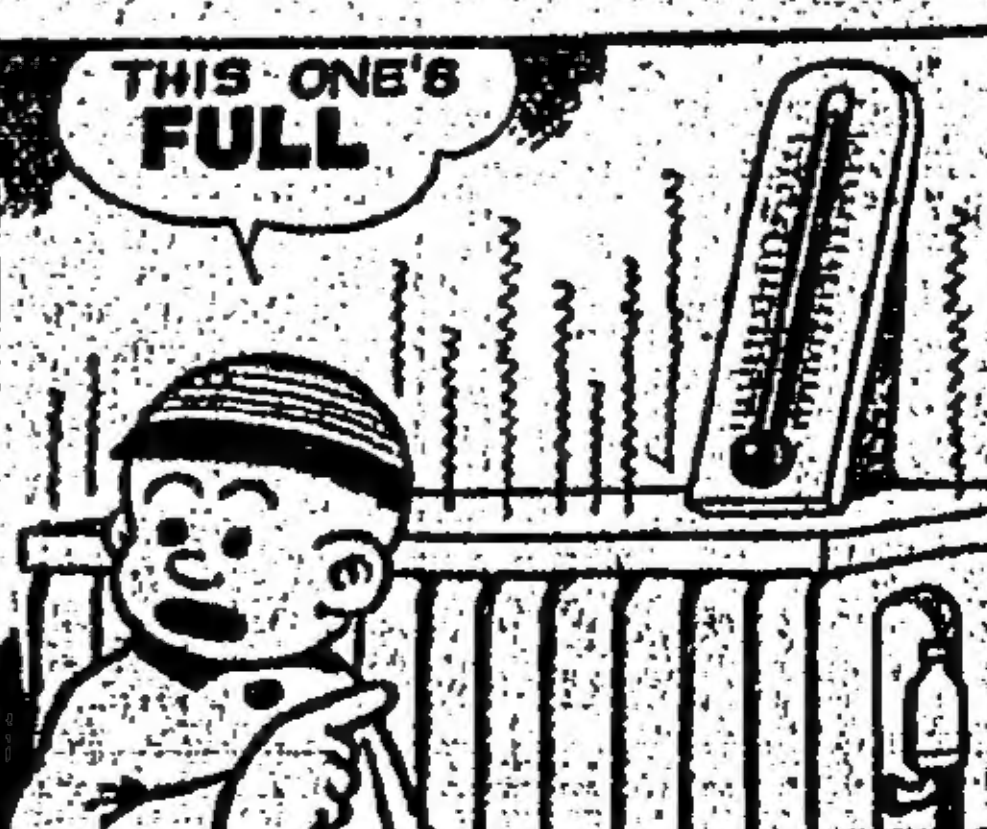
(My next address, presumably, will be c/o the Tower of London.) The Steel Bill may have bothered you—and the firms who are to lose their identity—but not Russia. "Much ado about nothing," said Moscow.

The Labour leaders (Moscow still maintains its fine distinction by not calling them Socialists) and the Tories are going through "all the motions of a severe political struggle" to hoodwink the gullible.

There are few medals to award. But I think the Order of Strachey should go to Hungary for rearing turkeys "without which there would be no Christmas in Britain."

NANCY Now for the Money

By Ernie Bushmiller



INDONESIA:

REPUBLICANS HAIL ANNOUNCEMENT OF DELHI CONFERENCE

Batavia, Jan. 2.—Republican sources here today described the proposed New Delhi conference on Indonesia as "the most encouraging manifestation of international concern" at the situation since the Dutch action began.

The Dutch authorities, however, were "astonished" at Pandit Nehru's action in calling a conference to discuss "the internal affairs of another country," according to a semi-official Dutch source.

BI-PARTISAN U.S. POLICY TO CONTINUE

Washington, Jan. 2.—Senator Tom Connally, incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, today promised priority to new recovery and military aid for Western Europe.

He also said he would dedicate his efforts as Committee chairman to strengthening the bi-partisan foreign policy approach which he and Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, retiring chairman, helped to launch.

He urged renewed efforts to reach agreement with Russia on the peace treaties with Japan, Germany and Austria.

The 71-year-old Democrat, beginning his second term in the key Committee chairmanship, said it was absolutely essential that politics be kept out of the group, which will consider possibly between US\$7,000,000,000 and \$8,000,000,000 in foreign aid programmes this year.

Senator Connally believes that the most important task directly ahead is continuation for another 15 months of the European Recovery Programme, which is due to expire in April.

Mr Paul Hoffman, chief of the Economic Co-operation Administration, will be called before the Committee within the next few weeks to outline future plans.

Marshall Plan officials from Europe are on their way here to confer with Mr Hoffman in drawing up a programme for submission to Congress.

Another "must" item facing the Committee, Senator Connally said, is outright military support of the Western European nations which have banded together to resist Communist expansion. Negotiations have been under way for months for a "North Atlantic defence pact" which would bind the United States and Canada in a mutual defence treaty with Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Senators Connally and Vandenberg have been in constant touch with negotiations through the Acting Secretary of State, Robert Lovett. Senator Connally said that once negotiations were completed, he would press for quick Senate action on the pact and on a programme of American arms shipments to Western Europe to implement the agreement.—United Press.

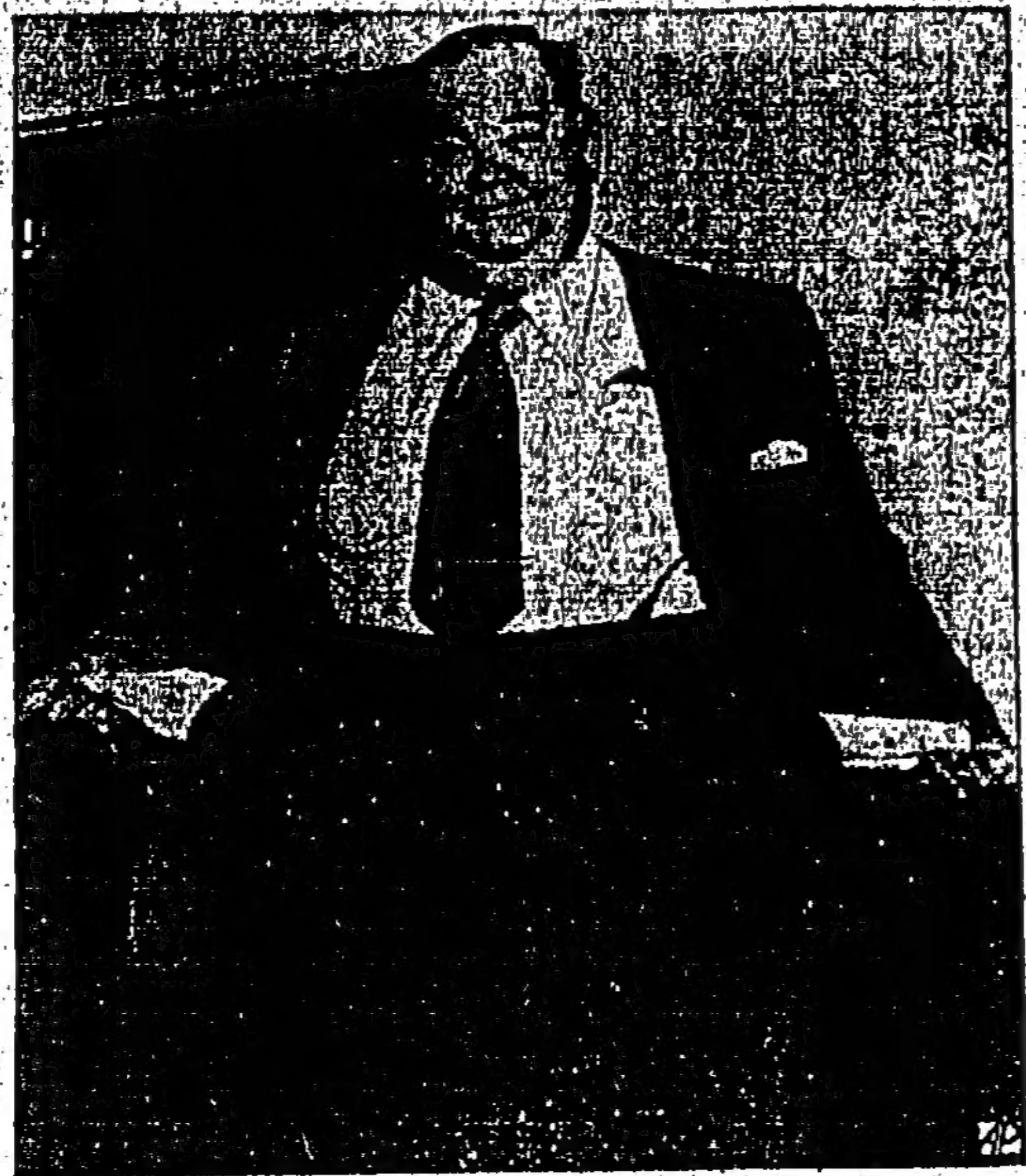
Burma Fighting

Rangoon, Jan. 2.—Karen rebels attacked the rice milling centre of Pantaw, just west of Rangoon, and set it on fire, an official announcement said today. Some townspeople were killed.

The Karens are demanding a separate state for themselves to be known as Karenni. It would take in the whole Irrawaddy delta, Burma's rice bowl.

In a three-hour New Year's eve battle at Toungoo, the communists, rebel leaders were driven off and left 30 dead.—Associated Press.

Hardy With Empty Pockets



The screen's 305-pound comedian, Oliver Hardy, shows two empty pockets as he appeared in a Los Angeles court to fight charges by his second wife, Actress Myrtle Reeves, that he was short on alimony payments between 1941 and 1945. The 51-year-old fatman of the Laurel and Hardy team, now married to his third wife, says the truth is that she owes him money.—AP Picture.

HMS Sussex Leaves For Home

BUFFS BAND AND CHEERING SAILORS BID FAREWELL

Her paying-off pennant waving proudly in the breeze, and cheered on her way by ranks of sailors drawn up on the decks of other warships in the harbour, the three-funnelled cruiser Sussex sailed for home at 1-30 this afternoon.

She was escorted out of the harbour by her replacement on the Far East Station, HMS Belfast—many of whose crew recently transferred from the Sussex herself—and the Band of the 1st Battalion of the Buffs played on the quayside at the dockyard as she pulled out.

Also cheering the old veteran on her way were men from the 25th Field Regiment RA, from Army vessels in the harbour.

The Sussex is due at Portsmouth on February 21—the day before her 21st birthday.

Commanded by Captain J. W. Farquhar, DSO, Sussex was formerly the flagship of Rear-Admiral A. C. G. Madden, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station.

The last of the familiar three-funnelled cruisers which first appeared on the China Coast in 1920, she served with the 1st Cruiser Squadron in the Mediterranean before the war.

She was at Singapore on September 12, 1945, for the ceremonial surrender of the Japanese to Admiral Mountbatten, but did not arrive in Hongkong until June, 1947.

She spent her first few months in the Far East in Japanese waters as the flagship of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force, Force "T".

Sussex's floodlit funnels and her march—"Sussex By the Sea"—were well-known in the Colony.

She will also be remembered for her sporting activities, particularly on the rugby field, at hockey, in which she is joint holder with the 8th Destroyer Flotilla of this Fleet. She was also the winner of the Royal Marines' holders of the Peking Cup and the Command, Field Firing Cup, which was won in competition with Army units in Hongkong, and for her command, Capt. Farquhar, who led many sailing teams to victory at the Yacht Club.

Li Chai-Sum On Way To Harbin

It is learned from reliable sources that Marshal Li Chai-Sum, head of the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee and leader of the anti-Chiang groups, left by the Soviet ship Alden last Monday for Chienampo, in North Korea, en route to Harbin to take part in the Political Consultative Conference being convened by the Chinese Communists and other dissident groups.

Accompanying Marshal Li was Mr Chang Lien, head of the Democratic League, outlawed by the Nanking Government two years ago.

NEW PRESIDENT

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Jan. 2.—Juan Manuel Galvez, 61, was inaugurated President of Honduras yesterday for a six year term, succeeding General Tiburcio Carías, 72, who was President for 16 years.—Associated Press.

US Defence Secretary Under Fire

Washington, Jan. 2.—James G. Patton, President of the National Farmers' Union, today called for the replacement of Mr James Forrestal as United States Secretary of Defence.

He issued a statement criticising a report on unified military services which Mr Forrestal submitted last week and said: "Mr Forrestal's first annual report should also be his last."

Mr Patton named two possible successors to Mr Forrestal: Mr Frank P. Graham, former US representative on the United Nations Good Offices Committee for Indonesia, or the former Governor of Georgia, Mr Ellis Arnall.

Accusing the Defence Secretary of making for legislation which would enable the military services to make war without the consent of Congress, Mr Patton said: "This astonishing document makes it clear that neither Congress nor the Administration can safely entrust longer in the Secretary's hands the issue of war and peace, which he is so recklessly juggling."

He said Mr Forrestal should be replaced by a "civilian with a civilian mind and heart."

The part of Mr Forrestal's report which aroused Mrs Patton's indignation was a recommendation that Congress pass legislation "general in nature and not limited to any single geographic area," authorising the United States to provide military assistance to its allies or to countries with international interests similar to those of the United States.—United Press.

Big Fines At Marine Court

Fines totalling over \$1,000 were imposed by Mr Cairns at the Marine Court this morning on three Chinese severely charged with being under way with their crafts without having on board a certificated master or a certificated engineer.

Mak Kam-mok, 27, additionally charged with using an unsurveyed motor junk, was fined a total of \$600.

SI Nippard stated that the defendant was stopped by No. 3 Police launch (SI Hughes) on New Year's Eve at Ching Ying Tau, heading towards Castle Peak. His junk was only licensed as an ordinary fishing junk, but had two engines installed.

Defendant said that he was only testing the engines one of which was broken.

Stopped at Castle Peak by SI Wheeler for inspection the motor junk Fung Tai, coming from the direction of Canton, was found to be unlicensed and minus a certificated master or engineer. The master, Lam Kai-wang, aged 25, was fined a total of \$300.

SI Nippard said the craft was found here and had a Chinese Customs clearance from Canton to Ping-Hoi.

Also fined \$30 was Wong Cheung, 40, who pleaded guilty to charges of having an unlicensed motor junk, Kam Hoi, and having no certificated master or engineer aboard while under way. The craft, said SI Nippard, had cleared from Sam Mun bound for Canton with a cargo of salt. It was stopped between Cassimau and Castle Peak. Pang Kam-woon, master of steam launch Hop Yick, was fined \$25 for having no low lights when towing a cargo junk at night from Kennedy Town heading for the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter.

SI Nippard stated that a Police launch nearly collided with the tow. Defendant claimed that the wind blew out the lights.

Hirohito And Christianity

Tokyo, Jan. 2.—Emperor Hirohito is said to be becoming increasingly interested in the study of Christianity.

It was reported today that the Emperor recently "listened with great interest" to a private court lecture by Toraji Tsukamoto, a prominent Japanese Christian. The Emperor's heir, Crown Prince Akihito, already has an American Quaker tutor, and Hirohito last year exchanged signed portraits with Pope Pius.

The latter gave rise to speculation in Catholic circles that there might be a possibility of converting the Japanese ruler to Catholicism.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

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